

CLEVEDON TOWN COUNCIL**MINUTES OF THE TOWN EVENTS & AMENITIES COMMITTEE MEETING HELD IN THE COMMITTEE ROOM, 44 OLD STREET ON WEDNESDAY 21ST JULY 2010**

PRESENT: Cllr C Francis-Pester – Committee Chairman in the Chair
Cllrs C Blades, E Blades, J Dagnall, L Knott, L Little, T Morgan,
N Pennycott. Committee Clerk – Mrs Johnson

IN ATTENDANCE: Mr S Banbury Senior Area Officer (North))NSC
Mr G Withers Senior Officer Green Spaces (Parks & Open)
Spaces, Local Nature Reserves) Update
Mr G Evans – Structures)
Mr Russ Currie NSC - Informal discussions on Swiss Valley Sports
Centre

7.30 pm **INFORMAL BUSINESS**

1. NSC UPDATE

FENCING ON SEAFRONT ADJACENT TO CRAZY GOLF COURSE Railings from the seafront and some bow top fencing to be fitted next week. Ongoing work to commence replacing picket fence on car park side of Salthouse Fields play area.

MARINE LAKE Engineering Report is now complete and will be submitted to the Executive Committee next month. Cllr Blades asked that MARLENS be kept informed of progress. With regard to the collection of rubbish, the Contractor had been reminded to remove rubbish from the Lake.

FINGERPOST SIGN ON SEAFRONT Work complete.

WAINS HILL Rubbish cleared from WW2 pill box. Mr Withers awaiting permission from English Heritage to fix a gate to the pill box.

LITTER BIN NEXT TO SEAT ON GREEN AREA ADJACENT TO WALTON PARK HOTEL Mr Withers had provided costings which had been circulated to Members. However he was now able to offer one of the cast iron litter bins removed from WSM seafront. See also minute TEA/10/46.2 below.

FLAGS AT THE BEACH New flags now in place.

PIER COPSE The area had now been officially opened by the Civic Society. The Brownies were working on a commemorative mosaic for this area.

CLEVEDON PIER Request for a direction sign to the ladies toilets off Alexandra Road.

ALEXANDRA GARDENS AREA ADJACENT HILL ROAD Mr Withers informed the Committee of plans to thin out the trees in this dark area of the Gardens. The lack of grass in this area was commented upon.

DOG BINS Concern raised about the monitoring of the Dog Waste Collection Contract and the frequency of the emptyings. It was understood that each dog bin has a number on it that corresponds to the Contractor's schedule. **Next agenda.**

FORMATION OF FRIENDS GROUP FOR POETS' WALK Information from NSC See min TEA/10/46.2.

2. SWISS VALLEY SPORTS CENTRE

Mr Currie reported that due to severe financial constraints on the NSC budget NSC is reviewing all its services; the subsidies and management of dual use sports centres is part of this review. The Swiss Valley Sports Centre is used by Clevedon School during school hours and by the community in the evenings and weekends. NSC is looking to save the contribution made to the Centre either by closing the facility or handing it back to the school. For the past nine months Mr Currie has been working with the school, NSC and the public to investigate ways of continuing with this facility at little or no cost to NSC. A draft business plan had now been agreed by the School Governors. It is planned to create a 'not for profit organisation' (NFO) around Christmas to be fully operational by 1st April 2011. It is anticipated that NSC will make cost savings whilst retaining the community use of the site. In the future it is envisaged NSC will have an enabling role rather than a management role. The NSC subsidies will be reduced as the business is established and takes over. The NFO Board would be volunteers who would employ staff to run the Centre.

A Councillor who is a School Governor highlighted his concern that the facility is in deficit each year. He felt it would not be possible to retain all the facilities and activities regardless of the financial situation. He also highlighted the fact that the astroturf which is a major asset needs replacement. Mr Currie confirmed that the not for profit organisation would 1)protect the school from financial risks 2)provide access to funding streams and tax advantages not open to NSC. The restrictive hours of the planning consent for the use of the Astroturf area were being reviewed. It was also felt more use could be made of the playing fields on the north side of Holly Lane.

The Committee Chairman thanked Mr Currie for the work done on behalf of the Swiss Valley Sports Centre.

8.25pm FORMAL BUSINESS

TEA/10/41 APOLOGIES: Cllr P McNeill – illness.

TEA/10/42 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST –

There were no declarations of interest for items on the agenda.

TEA/10/43 MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 26TH May 2010 were approved and signed by the Chairman.

TEA/10/44 TOWN EVENTS & AMENTIES BUDGET 2010/2011

The Committee noted the budget statements to date.

PART 1

TEA/10/45 CHRISTMAS LIGHTS

45.1 HILL ROAD 2010/2011

Members considered the notes of the meeting with representatives of the Hill Road Traders. The Traders had agreed to purchase 10 column motifs to fix to the new metal street lighting columns. A breakdown of costs, along with the notes of the meeting has been circulated to all Councillors. Hill Road Traders have agreed to raise funds over a period to cover yearly maintenance checks and replacement lights as and when required.

RESOLVED: TO RECOMMEND TO COUNCIL 1) one off costs for the provision of infrastructure including brackets for the column motifs 2) An addition to the Town Council's Christmas Lights contract for erecting, dismantling, storing the new Lights and maintaining them during the period of switch on together with a remote control switch. **TOTAL COST £3,708.90.** This sum to be allocated from the TEA Committee budget for 2010/2011.

45.2 TRIANGLE AREA 2010/2011

Members considered the breakdown of costs, circulated to all Councillors. The costs from the Christmas Lights Contractor were to provide similar lights to last year.

RESOLVED: TO RECOMMEND TO COUNCIL the provision of Christmas Lights in the Triangle Area by the Christmas Lights Contractor **TOTAL COST £2,884.** This sum to be allocated from the TEA Committee budget for 2010/2011.

NOTE: It was agreed to investigate writing to businesses in the town for contributions towards the Christmas lights. Excluding Hill Road and the Triangle area. It was also reported that the Chairman of Council would be inviting the Chamber of Trade to a future meeting.

ACTION: COMMITTEE CLERK

PART 2

TEA/10/46 ITEMS ARISING FROM NSC UPDATE - See Informal Business above46.1 NSC UPDATE
MARINE LAKE

A Councillor had been asked by MARLENS to request the Committee consider providing a letter supporting MARLENS in their efforts to obtain funding towards the repair of Marine Lake. As discussed during Informal Business NSC is in the process of drawing up a proposal for funding. Members were grateful for the work of MARLENS in establishing the use of this amenity for the town.

RESOLVED: To write a general letter of support for funding to link in with the NSC funding proposals. Any new proposals from MARLENS should be presented to the Town Council and NSC prior to funding requests.

ACTION: COMMITTEE CLERK TO DRAFT LETTER FOR COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN

46.2 FORMATION OF FRIENDS GROUP FOR POETS' WALK

RESOLVED: 1. To include an item in the North Somerset Times Newsletter.
2. To forward the information to the newly formed Transition group.

ACTION: COMMITTEE CLERK

46.3 LITTER BIN NEXT TO SEAT ON GREEN AREA ADJACENT TO WALTON PARK HOTEL

- RESOLVED:**
1. To accept the offer of a free refurbished litter bin and liner from NSC.
 2. The cost of emptying this bin three times a week (£140.73 per annum) to be funded from the sum allocated for Dog and Litter Bins in the Committee's budget.

ACTION: COMMITTEE CLERK TO FOLLOW UP INSTALLATION OF THE BIN

46.4 SWISS VALLEY SPORTS CENTRE – No further discussion.

TEA/10/47 UPDATES ON ACTION ITEMS NOT ELSEWHERE ON AGENDA

47.1 DOG WASTE BIN CENTRAL WAY TEA/10/37

It had been confirmed with the Contractor that this bin is emptied twice a week May-Oct and once a week Nov-April. This appeared to be the schedule for the emptying of all the Community Plan dog bins.

- RESOLVED:** To obtain from the Contractor a schedule for the emptying of dog bins in Clevedon in order that the NSC and CTC emptying contract is the same, as originally intended.

ACTION: COMMITTEE CLERK TO PROVIDE LIST FOR NEXT MEETING

47.2 CLEVEDON MUGA FACILITY TEA/10/37

The Committee was disappointed in the lack of progress with this scheme. The concession for the tennis courts runs until 30 November 2011.

- RESOLVED:**
1. Apply for planning permission. The fee of £85 to be funded from the TEA budget (via from Queens Square Toilets).
 2. Confirm again with NSC the S106 monies available for the MUGA.
 3. Make an informal approach to the concessionaire concerning the release of one tennis court at the start of 2010.

ACTION: TOWN CLERK

TEA/10/48 NORTH SOMERSET PLAYBUILDER PROJECT TEA/10/32

Members noted the letter from the NSC Play Development & Strategy Manager which indicated that NSC is monitoring developments regarding funding from central Government.

- RESOLVED:** To enquire whether there has been any progress identifying a site for the playbuilder project for Clevedon.

NOTE: Since the TEA Committee meeting, NSC has written to inform the Town Council that funding for Year 2 Playbuilder Projects is no longer available to Local Authorities. It is hoped to identify ways of helping communities to fund and undertake projects themselves, ie 'the Big Society' model which the coalition government launched recently.

ACTION: COMMITTEE CLERK TO FOLLOW UP.

TEA/10/49 REVISED QUEENS SQUARE BOOKING INFORMATION & FORM TEA/10/36

The following amendments, in italics, were highlighted on the Condition of Use;

5. All electrical equipment must be '*PAT*' not PACT tested
9. No event shall be provided which is or forms part of a commercial or advertising promotion. Street trading is prohibited, unless '*an appropriate*' street trading licence has been sought
10. Should any damage be done to the Square, its furniture, planting '*or electricity connecting points*' then the user will be responsible for making good.

- RESOLVED:** To accept these revised documents subject to the above amendments.

ACTION: THE DOCUMENT TO BE AMENDED PRIOR TO USE.

TEA/10/50 WRING FAMILY CHRISTMAS TREE TEA/10/33.2

The Clerk had provided a report of her actions to date to identify an electrical supply for the Christmas tree including a quote from Western Power to provide a new source of electricity. A Councillor reported that the Pier Trust were meeting the next day and would be seeking permission to provide electricity from the Toll House. The Clerk has also sourced a Christmas tree and lights including the option of solar lights.

Members discussed the possibility of a hole in the pavement to secure the Christmas tree to meet health and safety regulations. It was agreed to use a substantial tub instead.

RESOLVED: To install an 8ft Christmas tree in the triangle in front of the Toll House in a substantial tub. Electricity to be provided by The Pier if possible. The lights to be LED.

ACTION: TOWN CLERK TO FOLLOW UP AND REPORT BACK TO THE NEXT MEETING.

TEA/10/51 REPORTS FROM TOWN COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES

- 51.1 CLEVEDON COMMUNITY ASSOC No report.
- 51.2 CURZON CINEMA Cllr Dagnall reported ambitious and optimistic plans for the future of The Curzon. The building work has now commenced. There has been a small grant from Ettlingen.
- 51.3 STRODE CENTRE USER COMMITTEE – No meeting.
- 51.4 N SOM SAFETY & COASTAL ADVISORY GROUP – No meeting.
- 51.5 CLEVEDON CIVIC SOCIETY – Minutes of meeting held on 15 June 2010 available.
- 51.6 CLEVEDON PIER TRUST Cllr Dagnall reported that visitor numbers were slightly down.
- 51.7 CLEVEDON SAILING CLUB Cllr Knott reported that the Cadet Sailing Club is very successful with increased membership.
- 51.8 NORTH SOMERSET CAB – No report.
- 51.9 POLICE & COMMUNITIES TOGETHER – No report.
- 51.10 GWILLIAM & WOODWARD TRUST – Next meeting in September.
- 51.11 CLEVEDON HOSPITAL – Presentation to Town Councillors of the plans for the new hospital on 19 July 2010.

TEA/10/52 FOR INFORMATION The Committee received and noted;

- 52.1 CLEVEDON CCTV STATISTICS FOR APRIL AND MAY 2010.

APPROVED AS A TRUE RECORD

CHAIRMAN:.....

The meeting finished at 9.03 pm

DATE:.....

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